DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptrolle



20 September 1965

1. At the morning meeting the Director requested that each Deputy appoint a Planning Officer to update the long-range plan at least once a year. Later in the day I talked with the Director about this matter. I told him that, while I didn't disagree with this approach insofar as it went, I did feel that we had to have a central planning staff which was separated from but closely linked with our budget staff if we are ever to produce a precise Agency plan with all the trade-offs, etc., carefully considered. I also said that it seemed to me that this was an integral part of our efforts to implement fully the President's new Planning-Programming-Budgeting System. The Director agreed with this concept. I told him that I wanted to discuss it with Mr. Helms before taking further action but that I wanted to make sure that he didn't get started on setting up an independent planning staff such as that recommended in the long-range plan. He indicated that he was in wholehearted agreement with my ideas.

2. I briefed Dick Helms on Larry F	Houston's recent visit to
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recommended that we undertake to give	intelligence 25X1
briefings from time to time in the same	way that we occasionally brief
members of the press or people from in	dustry 25X1
Mr. Helms approved and I ask	ed Larry Houston to make the
necessary arrangements.	

3. The Director informed me that he had requested Sherman Kent to remain on duty as Chairman of the Board of National Estimates after he becomes eligible for voluntary retirement with full annuity. The length of the extension, however, is indefinite. He asked me to prepare an appropriate paper to Sherm, and I in turn asked the Director of Personnel to draft this for me.

4. I talked with Tracy Barnes abou	ıt 25X	(1
Tracy agreed to talk wit	h him this week and to let me	

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know the outcome.

5. General Jack Davis, Army ACSI, telephoned about	25X1
He said that Bill had talked with him about the possibility of obtaining a	23/(1
Brigadier General's mobilization assignment so that his promotion,	
which has been strongly recommended by General Westmoreland, might	
be possible. Jack wanted to know whether we would release Bill if	
mobilization did actually come about. I told him we had crossed this	
bridge and that, while Bill was a very valuable CIA employee, we would	
agree to let him go since the rank of Brigadier General meant so much	
to him. He requested a brief memorandum from me to this effect, and	
I undertook to comply.	
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